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## DHHS Deputy Director Appointment Announced

*Carson City, NV* – Mike Willden, Director of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is proud to announce effective, July 9, 2012, the appointment of Jane Gruner, as the new Deputy Director of Programs for DHHS.

Gruner is currently the Deputy Administrator for the Mental Health and Developmental Services Division; a position she has held since February 2011. In her new role as DHHS Deputy Director, Gruner is responsible for oversight of Director's Office programs to include the Grants Management Unit, Governor's Office for Consumer Health Assistance, Suicide Prevention Office and Early Childhood Systems. In addition, Gruner will continue her role in assisting in the transition of programs serving individuals with disabilities and developmental delays into the Division of Aging and Disability Services.

Gruner has a long career working at DHHS dating back to January 1978, when she first started employment as a Professional Teaching Parent. During her time with DHHS she has held the positions of Mental Health Counselor, Community Services Director, and Administrator for Sierra Regional Center.

In addition, Gruner has previously worked in private practice as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She has a Master's degree in Counseling and Personnel Services, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education.